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25X1 1. A meeting of the LDP Steering Committee

25X1 centered on the results of the Moscow Conference in relation to Germany. Party Chairman Dr. Külz expressed fear of war between the United States and the USSR in the very near future. Külz stated that Germany would play no part in the hostilities, inasmuch as the main area of action would be in the Orient. Germany is only a spectator in international affairs now, according to Külz, France is unimportant, and England is forced to follow the lead of the United States completely.

2. The LDP line is to press for the unity of Germany with every means available in order to reestablish German importance in world affairs. The statement by the LDP chairman for Hesse, Euler, advocating the establishment of a bizonal government with its capital in Frankfurt/M, is regarded by the LDP Steering Committee as an affront and a gross transgression of party discipline.

3. Dr. Külz reported that he intends to approach Karlshorst with a request to allow free discussion of the eastern boundary question in the press of the Russian Zone. He hopes that an agreement can be negotiated between Poland and Germany. The LDP will endeavor to persuade England and the United States that only Germany is able to cultivate thoroughly the areas east of the Oder.

4. The LDP is disappointed with the election results in the British Zone but attributes its poor showing to the general political apathy. The delegates from all the states of the Russian Zone were in agreement that the LDP is losing its following there because it is unable to disassociate itself from the activities of the SED. Carl Delius, LDP leader in Saxony-Anhalt, reported that the SMA never allows the LDP to introduce any anti-SED bills in the Diet. He asked the party leaders in Berlin to intercede at Karlshorst to put an end to this situation. The Saxon politicians hesitate to act for fear of reprisals against themselves and their families.

5. The LDP program calls for a speedy rehabilitation of all nominal Nazis. A delegate from Saxony-Anhalt stated that all contributing members (fördernde Mitglieder) of the SS had to leave their positions there 1 May 1947. A number of the LDP members are affected by this regulation. The LDP claims that the persons concerned are essential to the German economy and that they should not be classed as Nazis, since their contributions to the SS rarely exceeded 1 RM monthly.

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6. The LDP complains that the SED is building up the "Handelskontore" into big companies, partly in order to create remunerative positions for SED officials. A delegate from Mecklenburg stated that the SED has confiscated all movie theaters in Schwerin on the ground that they had spread Nazi propaganda by exhibiting Nazi news-reels. The LDP claims the real reason was to provide more space for consumers' cooperatives.

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